



Top row, second from left is Takuritsu Morita. He was from Mountain View, CA. Before that, he lived in Oakland and nearby Alameda, CA. Talcott Harmon Parkhurst Studios of Santa Fe, New Mexico. He arrived in Santa Fe in August 1943. He left for Heart Mountain on February 13, 1944. He was then in Crystal City on January 22, 1945, thus dating the image.

August 1943 - February 13, 1944 Issei Men at Santa Fe, New Mexico Detention Center

The first prisoners confined at the Immigration and Naturalization Service's (INS) Santa Fe Detention Center arrived mid-March 1942. After arriving at the train depot at Lamy, sixteen miles southeast of Santa Fe, armed guards ordered the men into open-air flatbed trucks which took them to the site on the western outskirts of town. The sight of ugly tar-papered barracks surrounded by twelve-foot-high barbed wire fences first greeted the internees, but just beyond the barbed wire lie the piñon and juniper covered foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. After seeing the beautiful vistas in all directions, the first Issei prisoners at Santa Fe named their new home San Te He, or "many mountains surrounding."

Information courtesy of the Colorado State University Public Lands website at: <https://publiclands.colostate.edu/>

Also: <https://csurams.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=7b919435f0f84b4b8581a7062fcc18a2#>



Takuritsu
Morita

Important Issei Men at Santa Fe, New Mexico Detention Center 1943-1944

The impetus for this photograph may have been to create a record of Issei men who were highly respected there, according to the kanji written on a piece of paper that accompanied it. Takuritsu Morita (top row at left) arrived in Santa Fe in August 1943. He left for Heart Mountain on February 13, 1944. He was then in Crystal City on January 22, 1945, thus dating the image. See next two pages.

This letter is a description of the photo, with names and titles. It seems to list men with important positions at the Santa Fe camp. Not every man in the photo is listed, however. It was written by Mr. Kurihara and given to Takuritsu Morita, of Mountain View, CA.

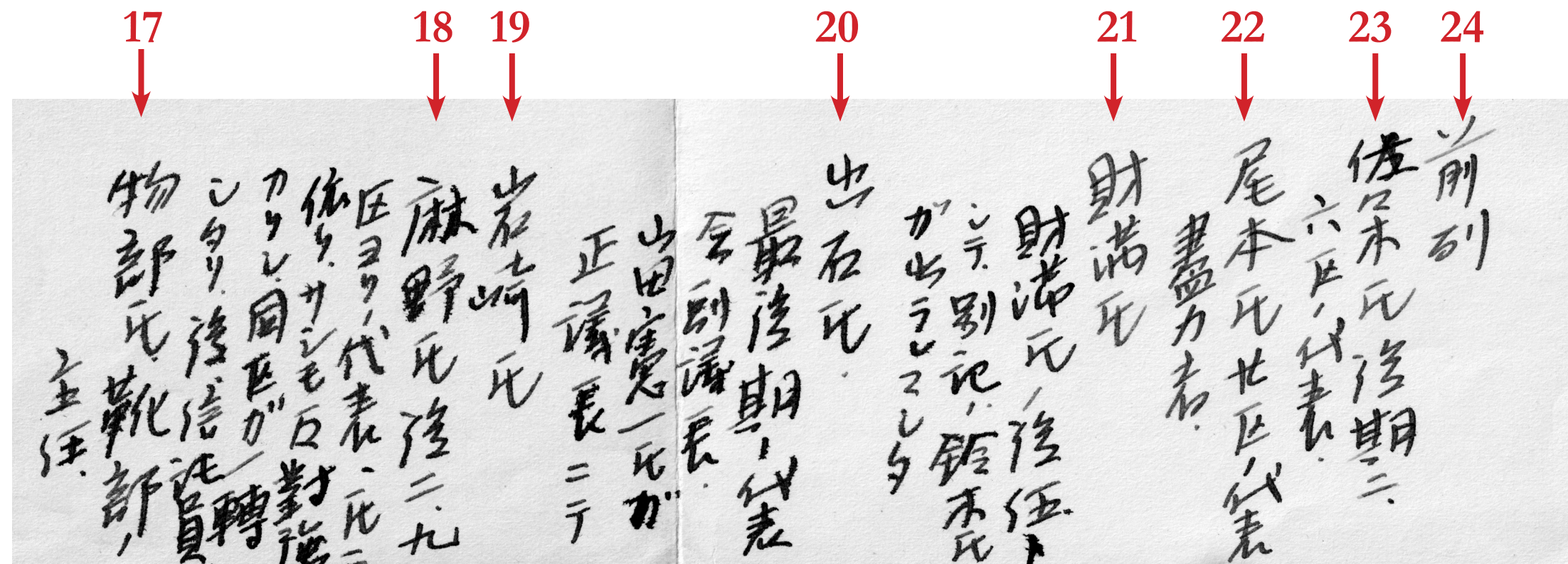
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- 1) I remember that Mr. Sasaki lives in section 6, but he wrote that he lives in section 8 (*Mr. Kurihara must have written this*)
- 2) **Kurihara:** (*gave this photo to Takuritsu Morita, who is in the photo, but not named here*)
- 3) **Takayama:** Warehouse dept chief
- 4) **Amano:** Section 12 former principal, an influential, powerful man.
- 5) **Okumoto**
- 6) **Kai:** Section 1 former principal, later moved to section 24, shoe dept clerk
- 7) **Shibayama**
- 8) **Tsukida:** Late period head cashier
- 9) **Tsuchiya:** Fish dept chief
- 10) **Kanazawa**
- 11) **Hamamura:** Section 1 principal
- 12) **Shishima:** Section 28 former principal, influential, powerful man. (*could be spelled Shijima*)
- 13) **Kakuuchi**
- 14) **Wada:** Section 23 principal, your successor, Board General secretary. (*Kiden is an honorific expression of “you.” Used by men in letters for superior or equivalent men*)
- 15) Back row people standing (*so these men are standing in the back row of the photo*)
- 16) Description about the photo (from the right)

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高山氏 倉庫部主任	天野氏 元十二区代表 最有力同志一人	奥本氏	甲斐氏 区元代表者 後ニハ廿四区へ轉任 靴部店員	柴山氏	月田氏 後期、ヘッド 後ガ福田氏其次ニ キヤシヤ一世長氏ノ	土屋氏 魚店部主任	金沢氏	浜村氏 一区代表者	四島氏 廿一区元代表者 初期頃、有力同志	岩見氏	中野氏 後任者 代表者、書記長	和田氏 廿三区代表者	佐川氏 (立って居る人)	宮直江氏 右より

- 17) **Mononobe:** shoe dept chief
- 18) **Asano:** later section 9 principal, his opposition was so strong. This section had changed, later a trust member.
- 19) **Iwasaki**
- 20) **Izushi (or Izuishi):** The last period principal, board vice chairman. Kenichi Yamada is chairman
- 21) **Mr Zaima (or Zaiman):** Mr. Suzuki, who was mentioned separately, attended as a successor to Mr. Zaima
- 22) **Omoto:** section 20 principal contributor
- 23) **Sasaki:** In the later period, section 6 principal
- 24) Front row



As with all translations of Japanese writing, these names may be differently spelled than other documents.